



## Private Collections, Special Collections Section

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### Who we are:

The Private Collections area includes Account Books and is part of the Special Collections Section of the State Archives of North Carolina. This unit was formed over one hundred years ago, and has responsibility today for approximately 3,000 different collections. Each of these ranges from one item to over a hundred boxes.

### What we do:

The Private Collections area actively collects papers and materials that complement the public records holdings of the State Archives and that document the history, culture, and people of North Carolina. We preserve these in archival housing and make available manuscripts and other materials in these broad categories: public officials whose public records are in the Archives; citizens who have played a leading role in some aspect of government and/or public life; and individuals, families, and businesses that have had a significant impact on the cultural, economic, and public life of the state. We also seek source material that fills gaps in our holdings and documents our state's diverse and evolving history and culture. These collections include correspondence, diaries, memoirs, journals, photographs, account books, notebooks, ledgers, and other business records. Materials span the time from the colonial era to the early twenty-first century.

### What you can do:

All individuals and families have papers worthy of preservation. Some have papers that go beyond family and/or local interest, and into the realm of regional or statewide significance. Those in the latter category, with an interest in donating, may contact Private Manuscripts Archivist, Fran Tracy-Walls, at the phone number above, or [fran.tracy-walls@ncdcr.gov](mailto:fran.tracy-walls@ncdcr.gov). She will answer questions and concerns and schedule an appointment to review your papers. We have long depended on public spirited individuals in our work of preserving North Carolina's documentary heritage. Donations of funds are also accepted through the Friends of the Archives, which administers payment of temporary archivists who work on privately funded projects.

### Visit us on the Web:

<http://archives.ncdcr.gov/Public/Collections/Non-Government#private>

N.C. Digital Collections: <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/>

MARS Online Catalog: <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/>

Online Finding Aids: <http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/Public/Finding-Aids/Private-Collections-Finding-Aids>

